



OPENING NIGHT: Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting at the Rivergate Convention Center, New Orleans, pause for photograph at the opening session.

QUEST

SBC Rejects New Name For T. U.

NEW ORLEANS, June 13 — Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention told the Baptist Sunday School Board Friday they found unsuitable name of "Quest" as the new name of Training Union, a Sunday night activity in the churches.

Noah Phillips of Keller, Tex., who made the motion, said he felt the new name was silly, implied Southern Baptists were uncertain where they were headed, and that the Convention didn't have an opportunity to participate in the selection.

Landrum Leavell of Wichita Falls, Tex., chairman of the trustees of the huge publishing agency, said the decision left the institution in great difficulty.

Messengers suggested individually that the agency plan to distribute literature and let the new programs continue but to try to come up with a name more acceptable.

An effort to get the messengers to reconsider their action also was unsuccessful.

Wayne Dehoney of Louisville, Ky., a past president of the 11.3 million member denomination, called for the messengers to reconsider. He contended the first action was incorrect in precedent, procedure, practicality, and in ethical responsibility.

"I reacted emotionally to this name," said Dehoney in explaining his reason for voting against the name of "Quest" initially. Here are the added reasons he gave.

"First of all, our churches are in trouble with their educational programs. We are battling a declining enrollment.

"Second, I've been coming to Nashville (home of the agency) for bread and I've been getting a stone. He cited the church growth plan of a few years ago as an example.

"While this may not be a valid statement, many of us feel there is a widening gap between the planning desk and the churches.

"We are asking for a laboratory test of these ideas. I can't imagine General Motors Corp., coming out with something new without field testing these ideas.

Dehoney's remarks drew extended applause but not his request to reconsider.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Birmingham, Ala., newly-elected president of Woman's Missionary Union, defended the selection of the name of "Quest."

"I believe it is a good word and a suitable word," she said. "We can make of a word anything we wish."

Mrs. Mathis pointed out the name had been approved within the process provided by the Convention and carried the endorsement of the Sunday School Board's trustees.

Presidential Vote Given

In other action the messengers voted to reveal the vote for the Convention presidency. It was W. A. Criswell.

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Southern Baptists in New Orleans Undergird Conservative Position

By Roy Jennings

NEW ORLEANS (BP)—A record-breaking throng of messengers to the 112th meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention took a dim view of conscientious objectors and the Black Manifesto of Negro militants, while speaking out on a dozen issues and re-electing President W. A. Criswell.

The nearly 17,000 messengers also found "Quest," the new name for Training Union, unsuitable because of its lack of dignity and implications and connotations of the word. Officials of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board said the name would remain Training Union for the time being.

Messengers received progress report of their 19 Convention agencies but declined to take action on 12 recommendations of the Christian Life Commission on extremism.

The report of the social action agency condemned extremism, both of the left and right, as "dangerous, insidious, and anti-Christian."

In a resolution on Christian social concern, the messengers said they rejected in total the demands, principles, and methods espoused by the National Black Economic Development Council.

The messengers called the claims for \$500 million in reparations against

religious bodies in the nation "outrageous" and expressed disapproval of the "intimidation, threats, and ultimatums propagated by leaders of the movement."

At the same time the messengers called upon all citizens, regardless of race, creed, or national origin to work for racial justice, economic improvement, political emancipation, education advancement, and Christian understanding among all people, and reaffirmed the SBC Statement on the Crisis in the Nation adopted last year.

A need for a greater emphasis on family life and sex education through the home and church and for opportunities for Baptist young people to participate in the decision-making process of the denomination, also was formally noted.

The messengers expressed the hope the broader participation would provide a productive outlet for the current critical role of youth within the existing structure of the denomination.

Efforts to reaffirm a denominational position of 29 years that persons opposed to military service for religious convictions be exempted from forced military conscription lost by a narrow vote.

Attempts to push through convention positions on putting the Bible back in public schools and requiring writers and seminary professors to sign doctrinal statements were defeated or modified.

The request for the return of the Bible to public schools was caught up in a resolution asking Baptists at all levels to study carefully the present applications of the First Amendment

of the United States Constitution in their area.

Messengers substituted for the other request a motion instructing the convention to call to the attention of their agencies the doctrinal statement framed after careful discussion in 1963 and to urge elected trustees of these agencies to make sure their programs are consistent with it.

As initially presented, the motion called for all writers of Sunday School and Training Union literature and seminary professors to sign statements "affirming their personal belief in the authority, the doctrinal integrity, and the infallibility of the entire Bible."

James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, opposed the motion. He said the motion wouldn't even permit his agency to publish Amazing Grace because he wouldn't be able to find the writer.

In other action the messengers: —Asked Southern Baptist Hospital New Orleans to bring actual practice in line with stated policy of making available the services of the institution to all people regardless of race, creed, color, national origin or ability to pay.

—Opposed the appointment of a United States ambassador to the Vatican, reaffirmed their belief in religious freedom and soul liberty for all men, and reaffirmed opposition to the use of public tax funds for religious functions or institutions.

—Urged President Nixon and other government leaders to pursue every possible effort to secure an equitable settlement to the Vietnam conflict as soon as possible, and expressed support.

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Resolutions Adopted By Convention

NEW ORLEANS, June 13 — After extending time for debate and running out of official ballots, the Southern Baptist Convention here Friday morning adopted five resolutions, but left the most controversial for later action.

Resolutions were adopted urging a Baptist hospital in New Orleans to put its policy of integration into action, urging more use of Baptist church educational curriculum materials, opposing a United States representative to the Vatican, urging peace and justice for all men, and asking Baptists to study applications of the first amendment to the Constitution.

Debate on a resolution totally rejecting the demands, principles and methods of the Black Manifesto took most of the time, but was delayed after an amendment was offered to delete one paragraph.

Glenn Lawhon, pastor of Forest City Baptist Church, Forest City, Fla., asked that a sentence be deleted urging Baptists to support "all governmental and social service agencies which work through legitimate means and channels to lift the material and social status of all needy peoples."

A standing vote on deleting the paragraph was so close that the messengers used their last official ballots

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A Baptist Convention

AN EDITORIAL REPORT

It was a Baptist convention indeed! It debated, it decided, it spoke clearly, and it made its position known.

That position was the New Testament, Christ-centered, conservatism, which characterizes most Southern Baptist churches. At the same time it recognized the autonomy of the churches and individual freedom before God.

The convention reelected its conservative president, Dr. W. A. Criswell of Dallas, by an overwhelming majority, with only a small token vote being received by the man nominated as a "liberal", in order to allow a "protest" vote. The actual ballot was 7,482 for Criswell, to 450 for the other man.

"Quest"

By its disapproval of "Quest," the new name which was announced for the Training Union, the convention made it very clear to its boards and agencies that it wants materials and programs that meet not only the needs, but also the desires of the rank and file of the churches. It refused to reconsider the action, even when it was told that the decision would be very expensive for the Sunday School Board.

There was not the slightest evidence of any organized opposition to this name. It simply was a ground swell of disapproval that came from across the convention. Southern Baptist editors were told the name about a year ago, but were asked not to release it through their publications. It is our candid opinion that almost any editor could have predicted six months ago that the name was in trouble and that there would be opposition to it at the convention, though probably none would have dared predict that it would be rejected.

Change

The Sunday School Board and its executive leadership acted swiftly in response to the convention action, by announcing before the day was over that the name "Training Union" would be retained for the present, and that materials and books now in preparation, would be changed, even though the cost would be enormous.

It is unfortunate that the Sunday School Board made the error of spending great sums in preparation of new materials, without first making a wide check of the acceptability of the name by the churches. However, we are convinced that in the long run this action will work out for good, since it gives notice to all boards, agencies and institutions, that they must find out the desires of the churches and of the churches, before launching major changes or emphases in the convention work. Perhaps, as was suggested by one speaker at the

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State People Are Active at SBC

NEW ORLEANS — Mississippians were active as usual at the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention held last week in New Orleans.

Owen Cooper, Yazoo City layman, first vice-president of the body, presided several times during the meeting.

Mr. Cooper, along with Dr. Lee Porter, second vice-president, received a plaque, expressing appreciation for his service to the denomination, from Dr. Porter Routh, convention executive secretary.

Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., pastor of Main Street Church in Hattiesburg, led the opening prayer at Friday morning's session.

T. Cooper Walton, Jackson, was elected as vice-chairman of the Convention's Executive Committee which met last week in New Orleans. He was also named to the convention's Committee on Resolutions.

Named on the Committee of Committees from Mississippi were Dr. S. R. Woodson, pastor of First Church,

Columbus and Ralph Hester, Jackson layman.

Dr. David R. Grant, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson, served as a member of the Credentials Committee.

Members of the tellers' committee included Dale Oden, minister of education of First Church, Picayune.

Rev. Clifton Perkins, pastor of First Church, Greenwood, and Claude Townsend, Florence layman, were placed on the convention's committee on boards while Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record, was named to the Committee on Baptist State Papers.

New and re-appointed members of the various boards from Mississippi included:

American Baptist Seminary, Rev. Justus L. Garrett, pastor Emmanuel Church, Biloxi; Annuity Board, Owen Whittington; Greenwood layman; Sunday School Board, Dr. W. Levon Moore, pastor First Church, Pontotoc, and Robert M. Hederman, Jackson

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CONVENTION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

NEW OFFICERS for the Southern Baptist Convention were elected at the session last week in New Orleans. From left: Dr. Lee Porter, Texas, first

vice-president; Dr. W. A. Criswell, Texas, president (reelected); and Dr. Harper Shannon, Alabama, second vice president.

Social Concern, Evangelism Urged At Pastors' Meeting

NEW ORLEANS, June 10 — Christians need to put aside political science and sociology textbooks and look to the Bible for "authority and a life style to relate redemptively to the problem of poverty," a Baptist pastor declared here last week.

In one of the final messages of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference balanced with social concern, Bible expositions, and old-time evangelism, Vander Warner of Richmond, Va., told some 6500 pastors:

"We have (in the Bible) the answer, the directions, the principles and the authority to relate redemptively to the problem. We have been guilty of holding the Bible in our hands, but not in our hearts."

Warner, pastor of Grove Avenue Baptist Church, said the second chapter of the Book of James spells out "the law of love" and called on the pastors to "fulfill the Scriptures" regarding the poor.

Other social issues examined during the two-day conference included the subject of war, birth control and the new morality.

Jess Moody, pastor of the First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach, Fla., urged the pastors to take a firm stand against killing.

"I think it's time we let every political hopeful know that after Vietnam we, the public, will not elect men to office who, in order to serve their own personal egos, will disrupt the lives of a million boys and send 50,000 of them to graves God never intended should be dug."

The future of mankind depends on its ability to find substitutes for violence in human relations, he said, adding:

Speaking on the matter of birth control, Wayne E. Ward, professor of Christian theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, challenged Pope Paul VI's birth control encyclical on biblical grounds, stating:

"The initial reference to the creation of man and woman stresses the communion between the male and female — not the procreative function."

Ward said the Scripture does say God commanded male and female to multiply and replenish the earth "in order that they may subdue it and have dominion over it."

John W. Drakeford, professor of religious psychology and counseling at

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, criticized the "new morality" concept for raising hypothetically extreme situations that few people will ever confront.

He called for a realistic attitude toward sex that did not view it as "naughty, dirty or unclear." But he cautioned that sex was to be servant to man, not master — "sex as a force can easily develop destructive possibilities."

The strong, overriding concern for evangelistic preaching was characterized by the two major messages of Negro pastor Manuel Scott of Los Angeles.

Should Not Capitulate
Scott, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, said he hoped Southern Baptists would not "capitulate" to the demands of the Black Manifesto, but added:

"If Southern Baptists are going to get in on the demands of the Black Manifesto, let them get in on the evangelical note. I think you ought to

invest in the evangelistic message of the church rather than the economic development of black America."

The concern for evangelism was voiced time and again by pastors and evangelists such as John Haggai of Atlanta, Eddie Lieberman of Greenville, S. C., and dean of Baptist pastors, R. G. Lee of Memphis, Tenn.

Gov. Albert P. Brewer of Alabama, Alabama state health officer Dr. Ira Myer and former Miss America Vonda Kay Van Dyke of Phoenix, Ariz., added their voices to the concern for a renewed sense of urgency about evangelism.

Don Berry, pastor of the Memorial Drive Baptist Church in Houston, succeeded Harper Shannon, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dothan, Ala., president of the pastors' conference. Other officers were Landrum Leavell of the First Baptist Church in Wichita Falls, Tex., vice president, and W. T. Furr of the Queensborough Baptist Church in Shreveport, La., secretary-treasurer.



PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: W. A. Criswell delivers his presidential address to the opening night session of the SBC meeting at Rivergate Exhibition Center, New Orleans, La.

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port for fair treatment of American prisoners of war in Vietnam.

Registration reached nearly 17,000, almost 1,000 above the previous high of 16,053 messengers who attended the 1965 Convention in Dallas.

President Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas, Tex., had little trouble winning his second one-year term over William Smith Jr., a University of Richmond professor. Criswell drew 7,482 votes and Smith 450.

New convention officers joining Criswell were Lee Porter, pastor of First Baptist Church of Bellaire, Tex., first vice-president, and Harper Shannon, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dothan, Ala., second vice-president. Three convention officers from Nashville were re-elected. They were Clifton Allen, recording secretary; W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary, and Porter Routh, treasurer.

The record \$27.1 million operating budget for 1970, up \$597,100 provided for a two per cent cost of living adjustment for Convention agencies.

In other business, the messengers selected Dallas as the site for the 1974 Convention site and asked their Executive Committee to resurvey plans to meet in Portland in 1973. The convention bureau at the Oregon city reported a scheduling problem with the existing date of June 11-15 and asked Southern Baptists to come a week later.

While the convention was basically business oriented, it still offered the messengers addresses of inspiration by such speakers as President Criswell, Scott Tatum of Shreveport, La., John Bob Riddle of Birmingham, S. M. Lockridge of San Diego, and John Bisagno of Del City, Okla.

President Criswell asked the messengers to seek to provide a balanced ministry of evangelism and social responsibility.

Speaking on "Christ in Faith and Work," he explained that the Christian faith has two sharp cutting edges — faith and works.

"Faith and works are inseparable halves of genuine Christianity," he

said. "Neither is a substitute for the other. Faith without works is dead."

Points To Authority of Jesus
Tatum emphasized that the authority of Jesus Christ demanded social action. He described it this way:

"Social action recognizes that if we are to win people to Jesus Christ, we must look upon them as persons created in the image of God and worthy of our love, respect and help. It is difficult to understand the philosophy that suggests, 'I want you to go to heaven with me, but I don't want you in my living room or my church.'"

Speaking to the principle of separation of church and state, Riddle accused Congress of funneling Baptist dollars into parochial schools through legislation under the guise of the poverty program and what he called the flimsy child benefit theory.

If a religion is good, it will support itself and if it's bad, it will call for help from the government, Riddle said. He told messengers the greatest peril they faced today was indifference and apathy about this issue.

Lockridge, Negro minister from the National Baptist Convention, criticized persons who contend God is dead. He asked:

"Who assassinated him? What coroner was called? Who was so well acquainted with him that he could identify the deceased? Why was I not called as a member of the family?"

Bisagno, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, fastest growing church in the Convention, closed out the Convention with his personal testimony and an invitation to become a Christian.

One of the final actions of the messengers' Executive Committee was to elect James Monroe, pastor of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., as chairman. Elected vice-chairman was Cooper Walton, layman of Jackson, Miss. Mrs. Ned King of Dallas was re-elected secretary and Porter Routh of Nashville, executive secretary-treasurer.

The shadow of James Forman, leading advocate of the black manifesto, hung over the Convention although he didn't appear.

Had he appeared, President Criswell said the Atlanta black militant would need to get permission from a majority of the messengers to speak to the convention.

The position of Southern Baptists toward the black manifesto contrasted sharply with that of a visiting fraternal messenger, Thomas Kilgore Jr. of Los Angeles, Negro president of the American Baptist Convention.

Kilgore, who claimed black militants had made significant contributions in the area of black authentication, said he would try to work around Forman and his followers if they occupied his denomination's headquarters offices at Valley Forge, Pa.

While messengers expressed their views inside the convention hall, they also took time to participate in an opinion poll, registering sharp opposition to racial discrimination and favoring an increased emphasis on social relationships.

About 60 per cent of the persons polled thought the United States was right in sending troops to Vietnam and 82 per cent supported Richard M. Nixon in how he is handling the presidency.

WMU Elects New President, Premieres 'Happening Now'

NEW ORLEANS, June 10 — A future full of hope, optimism, and creative change was predicted for Southern Baptists at the two-day annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union which closed here Tuesday of last week.

The note of optimism was sounded by Dr. Elton Trueblood, Richmond, Ind., philosopher and author, and Kenneth L. Chafin, associate professor of evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Trueblood said he saw evidence of new vitality in the church in three areas — the growth of the idea that every Christian is a minister, the growth of popularity of small groups in church life, the growth of vocational evangelism, or the realization that occupational units are the logical units where Christ is shared.

Chafin listed worship, adult Bible study, fellowship and love, witnessing and evangelism, and ministry as the only ingredients a church needs to retain for a bright future.

Notes of optimism were evident even during the darkest days in Cuba for Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Caudill and their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. David Fite when the mothers were arrested and imprisoned on charges of illegal currency exchange.

In an address to the women, Mrs. Caudill described the continuing vitality of Baptists in Cuba.

"After the arrests we agreed work would go on! The next Sunday the churches were full. Laymen and pastors' wives did the preaching, but one church closed its doors."

Mrs. Fite told the women her family remained in Cuba after other United States citizens had left to prove it was possible to maintain a Christian home in a Communist society.

The keynote speaker, William M. Pinson, Jr., associate professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., called for Christians to seek creative ways to prevent the future that is happening from being more horrible than the present which is already here. He challenged Christians to be flexible in approach. Specifically, he called for the end of the Christmas basket approach in favor of programs of community and church action.

In a youth-oriented session which attracted a record WMU crowd of 11,500 about 125 young singers from Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., premiered "Happening Now," a youth musical. In the same session, the translator-illustrator team that prepared Good News for Modern Man appeared.

The newly-elected president of WMU, Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Birmingham, Ala., said she had great hopes for the future.

"I hope you are committed to the plans and opportunities for you to have a dynamic church. There is no need to feel insecure about the future. Our plans are glorious. God is giving us another opportunity."

Mrs. Mathis resigned as promotion division director of Woman's Missionary Union upon her election. She served as president of WMU in 1956-1963.

Other WMU officers chosen were Mrs. Roy Snider of Camden, Ark., recording secretary; and Mrs. John Maguire, Jacksonville, Fla., WMU executive board member-at-large.

The retiring WMU president, Mrs. Robert Fling, Pleasantville, New York, keyed her presidential address to optimism with a warning to be wary of the prophets of doom "who manage to see nothing but black clouds in this, the most brilliant century of history."

Mrs. Fling declined renomination to devote full time to development of Southern Baptist work in Westchester, New York. Her husband last year became pastor of a small Southern Baptist congregation there.

Miss Alma Hunt, Birmingham, Ala., executive secretary of WMU, announced changes in WMU organization names and publication of seven new magazines beginning in October, 1970.



WMU OFFICERS: Newly elected officers of the WMU are: left to right, Mrs. John Maguire, Jacksonville, Fla., member-at-large of the WMU

executive board; Mrs. Roy Snider, Camden, Ark., recording secretary and Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Birmingham, Ala., president.

Musicians Challenged By Winters At Annual Meet

NEW ORLEANS, June 10 — Outgoing president Donald Winters of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference challenged his fellow musicians Tuesday to say something relevant through their church music programs.

Winters, chairman of the department of music of William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., also called for relevance in musical materials, accusing young people and some careless leaders of being under the hypnotic spell of the electric guitar equipped with "reverb units" or "fuzz" attachments and having little concern for religious sentiment.

Calling for patience on the part of the over-thirty generation, he reminded, "We cannot deny the introduction of these instruments into our musical world or their adaptability to contemporary expression."

The outcome of their use ought to be "truly spiritual results," the president said.

Elected president of the conference was Bob Burroughs, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex., Doyle Spence, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., was named vice-president and Mary June Tabor, of Oklahoma City, associate in the music department of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, secretary-treasurer.

New members of the Executive Council include:

Local church division: Dewey Kyle, First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.

ham, and George Baker, Tallwood Baptist Church, Houston;

Denominational division: John Matthews, Colorado Baptist General Convention;

Educators division: J. Phillip Landgrave, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

In response to a request from ministers of music for a "more daring" program, planners of the conference arranged events ranging from congregational singing of "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" to the performance of a semi-directed instant improvisation of "Trilogy" by a college choral group.

Mt. Nebo Homecoming

Mt. Nebo Church, Newton Association, Collinsville will have annual Homecoming Day, June 22, beginning with Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Rev. J. H. Pilgrim, a former pastor, now enrolled at New Orleans Seminary and pastor of Ebenezer Church, Bassfield, will bring the morning message. His family will bring the message in song.

The afternoon service, beginning at 1:30, will consist of congregational singing led by Ricky Munn, a student at William Carey College, and minister of music at Chunky Church; memorial services; other special singing; and remarks by former pastors and wives. Friends, members and former members are invited. Lunch will be served on the church grounds at 12:00 noon. Rev. David L. Sellers is the pastor.

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well, 7,482, and William Smith, 450.

The messengers tabled three motions on the grounds they were covered in resolutions considered earlier. The motions called for a policy of desegregation of Southern Baptist Hospital here, and Bible reading in public schools.

The messengers referred to their Executive Committee a motion for the board of Southern Baptist Hospital to participate in the Medicare program or justify their position.

Approved was a motion for more reverence among the messengers during prayer and Scripture reading and a second asking for more adequate time at the 1970 Convention to transact business.

In response to the vote of the Southern Baptist Convention that the name "Quest" is considered to be unsuitable as a name for the church training program of Southern Baptists, administration officials of the Southern Sunday School Board have decided to retain the name "Training Union" for the program at this time.

The decision followed within a few hours the intense debate on the matter on the Convention floor.

"We have heard what the Convention is saying," said James L. Sullivan, executive secretary - treasurer of the Board, "and we want to respond as definitely, sincerely, and sympathetically as possible."

The name of the Sunday School Board department which is responsible for the promotion of the church education program will remain the Church Training Department, a retitling approved by the elected Sunday School Board in 1968 at its meeting at Glorieta Baptist Assembly along with the "Quest" name.

"There is no way of estimating the cost of this action," stated Philip B. Harris, secretary of the department. "Nearly thirty church study course books are in the publishing process. They will need considerable editorial change. Quantities of free leadership materials have been printed, and will have to be scrapped."

"Materials in Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union publications carry cross references to 'Quest' which will need to be deleted," said Harris.

"We would need to add to this the revision of the Baptist Book Store catalog, which is now being printed, in addition to costs of developing the new name to this point," he added.

Not all of the references to the "Quest" name will be deleted. Some materials have already been published and are available from Baptist Book Stores. Such materials will not be called back, but will not have major consideration in the situation, according to board officials.

Copy Being Prepared

"The new name was not to have been used on church literature materials until October 1, 1970," stated

Harris. "Thus the change is not as expensive as it would have been if the target date had been earlier."

Copy for these curriculum materials is in the process of being written, but can be changed before printing processes have been begun, he explained.

"Southern Baptists have been asking for drastic improvements in the church training program," said Sullivan, "and this was to have been our effort at giving them these improvements. The retention of the present name will not markedly slow down the improvements of the program itself, however. The program will still seek to lead Southern Baptists to be the people of God, in knowledge, understanding, attitudes, and skills," he stated.

Harris pointed out that plans will proceed to issue a new Adult curriculum with a contemporary flavor, new youth publications, and fresh materials for children and preschoolers.

The new periodicals will still be released to the churches in October, 1970. New leadership materials will precede issuance of the curriculum.

Only the name will be changed to respond to the Convention.



MRS. ANNE CRISWELL JACKSON, opera and gospel singer, daughter of Dr. W. A. Criswell, convention president, is seen singing at the Friday night service.

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layman; Brotherhood Commission, Rev. W. F. Evans, pastor, First Church, New Albany; Executive Committee, Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, layman; Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Johnny Lee Taylor, pastor First Church, McComb; Home Mission Board, Ethan B. Moore, Hattiesburg layman; Midwestern Seminary, Dr. John Traylor, pastor First Church, Gulfport; Southern Baptist Hospitals, Dr. Joe H. Tuten, pastor Calvary Church, Jackson, and North American Fellowship, Dr. Edwin Robinson, state Baptist WMU secretary.

Dr. Donald Winters, head of division of Fine Arts at Wm. Carey College, Hattiesburg, directed the Southern Baptist Singing Churchmen in pre-session music Wednesday morning.

Dr. Winters also presided over the Southern Baptist Music Conference of which he is president and gave the president's address.

The Singing Churchmen of Mississippi, under direction of Dan C. Hall, director of the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, gave a concert Tuesday afternoon at the conference.

Miss Josephine D'Arpa, of the faculty of Carey College also rendered a solo.

Bryant Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department, was elected as vice - president of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association.

Carey College was top winner in group A for their booth titled "The Individual is in the Spotlight," sponsored by the Baptist Public Relations Association.



MISSION NIGHT: The Foreign Mission Board report to the Southern Baptist Convention included presentation of missionary appointees to the messengers.

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to vote on the measure. Convention President W. A. Criswell ruled that the full resolution could not be considered until results of the balloting were determined.

Meanwhile, the automated mechanical card counter broke down, delaying the vote count on both the amendment and another controversial resolution concerning conscientious objection to military service.

The resolution re-affirmed a 1940 action by the Convention asking that those who for reasons of religious conviction are opposed to military service should be exempted from forced military conscription.

An amendment to the resolution was offered by Jim Howard of Georgia who asked that a sentence be deleted which stated that the resolution did not imply approval or support of any who refuse to accept the full obligation of responsible citizenship.

Howard said that the sentence was objectionable because it implied that when someone has religious convictions, he is a substandard citizen.

Emotional pleas for the sentence to remain came from Arthur Leininger of Tampa, Fla., Bill Hale of Richmond, Miss., and Capt. Jerry Douglas of Clovis, N. M.

They argued that to delete the sentence would help those who have burned draft cards, that it would be a direct slap in the face thousands of Baptists who serve in the military, and that it was not in tune with Christianity and patriotism.

A student from the University of Richmond, Steve Hassell, favored the proposal, but was interrupted at least three times as he tried to speak.

Later it was reported that the resolution on conscientious objection failed. Although the vote count was not announced, it was understood that the vote difference was less than 25 votes.

Debate also occurred over the resolution asking Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans to bring actual practice in line with its stated policy of making its services available to all persons regardless of race, creed, color, national origin or ability to pay. The resolution passed by an estimated two to one margin.

On the Vietnam war, the Convention approved a resolution urging President Richard Nixon and other responsible diplomatic leaders "to pursue every possible effort to secure an equitable settlement of the Vietnam conflict as soon as humanly possible."

It also commended Defense Secretary Melvin Laird for his appeals to the Hanoi government to grant basic humanitarian and legal rights to American prisoners of war.

Church-State Considered

Two approved resolutions dealt with separation of church and state, one opposing appointment of a United States representative to the Vatican, and reaffirming opposition to the use of public tax funds for religious functions or institutions.

A resolution concerning the First Amendment was adopted by the Convention asking Baptists to carefully study the contemporary applications of the First Amendment in the situation they face, but did not support the Dirksen Amendment to the First Amendment as originally requested.

Claud Logan Asbury of Wilmington, N. C., who offered the resolution to the committee, asked to read his version as submitted to the committee to the Convention, but was ruled out of order.

In previous conventions, Southern

Baptists have opposed any change in the First Amendment, saying it is adequate to protect religious liberty. Messengers also approved a resolution urging Baptists to use the Life and Work curriculum materials prepared especially for Southern Baptists by the Sunday School Board.

A resolution which earlier had been submitted to the resolutions committee opposing the Anti-Ballistic Missile System was referred by the resolutions committee by vote of the Convention to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington for study and a possible statement.

"Mini-Mardi Gras" Is Staged By Ministers' Wives Conference

NEW ORLEANS, June 11 — Wives of Southern Baptist ministers staged a "mini-Mardi Gras" in their annual luncheon here Wednesday of last week.

Some 350 women dined around tables laden with authentic Mardi Gras royalty costumes, lanterns, and take-home Mardi Gras beads.

Comedian Grady Nutt, director of college relations for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., told the group to use their abilities as women to reach other women with the message of Christ's forgiveness.

He based his remarks on the Bible story of the woman at the well, and said that God's well of forgiveness has three compartments — God's forgiveness, forgiveness of the community, and forgiveness of self. He urged the women to go beyond the preaching the laws of forgiveness, to live closely with people and show them how to live those laws.

Mrs. Andrew Hall of Fayetteville, Ark., presided at the luncheon. She described the affair as "a change of

pace from the preaching and business of convention sessions — something fun and relaxing."

The Ministers' Wives Conference was founded in 1956 as an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference. The group meets once a year at a fellowship luncheon.

The group elected officers for 1970. President will be Mrs. Frank Norfleet, Kansas City, Mo.; vice-president, Mrs. Glen Braswell, Denver, Col.; secretary - treasurer, Mrs. T. T. Crabtree, Oklahoma City, Okla.; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Charles Wood, Tucson, Ariz.

Officers nominated for 1971 were president, Mrs. Malcolm Knight, Jacksonville, Fla.; vice - president, Mrs. Sterling Price, St. Louis, Mo.; secretary - treasurer, Mrs. Tom Bray, El Dorado, Ark.; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Eugene Enlow, Tulsa, Okla.

Outgoing officers recognized were vice-president, Mrs. G. Avery Lee, New Orleans, La.; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Landrum Leavell, Wichita Falls, Tex.; corresponding secretary, Mrs. John Traylor, Gulfport, Miss.

Strong Program Presented At Laymen's Conference

NEW ORLEANS, June 9 — The people best equipped to breach the gap between the black and white communities in America's cities are Christians, Jimmy R. Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church of San Antonio, said here Monday night of last week.

Speaking to about 400 Baptist laymen at the Southern Baptist Laymen's Conference, Allen said that the hate, bitterness, immorality, vulgarity, and strife in America's cities are just "the by-products of a dead religion."

He challenged the laymen to "take God's message to the cities — where it's tough."

David Fite, former missionary to Cuba, vividly described the periods of distress he experienced while spending nearly four years in Cabana Prison. He recalled a five-hour "security search" in which prison guards "with fixed bayonets jammed us against a wall under a blazing August sun."

"Young and old began to faint," he said. "Those who fainted were taken out, revived and beaten. We had been ordered not to faint!"

Throughout such ordeals, God gave him strength, Fite said. "As the days lengthened into weeks and the weeks into months, we found strength to resist in times of distress."

Fite emphasized that Christian love can penetrate hatred and indifference even in prison. To illustrate the point, he told of a Negro prisoner who gave his food packages from home to a cellmate who was sick, embittered and withdrawn. "He cared for this young man for more than a month," Fite said. "Later he became well and was receptive to the gospel."

The laymen's conference ended with a testimony message by Lambert Mims, mayor of Mobile, Ala. Stressing the need for spiritual commitment, Mims said:

"As mayor of Mobile, I am called upon each day to make important decisions. But the most important decision I ever made was to trust Jesus Christ as my personal saviour."

Rock Hill Homecoming

Rock Hill Church near Brandon will observe homecoming day on June 29. A highlight of the day will be the burning of the note on the pastorum. Rev. C. C. Caraway from Cleveland will preach the morning message. Lunch will be served at the church, followed by afternoon fellowship. Former pastors, friends, members are invited.



MANY MISSISSIPPIANS were present for the Southern Baptist Laymen's Conference held Monday night of last week in New Orleans. Several are seen, from left: Rev. E. L. Howell, Brotherhood director; Ed Duncan, Tylertown layman and Rev. Martin Gilbert, Jackson.

Evangelists Hear Battery of Speakers At Annual Meeting

NEW ORLEANS — Evangelists from across the Southern Baptist Convention heard a battery of inspirational speakers and elected officers Thursday at their annual meeting at First Baptist Church here last week.

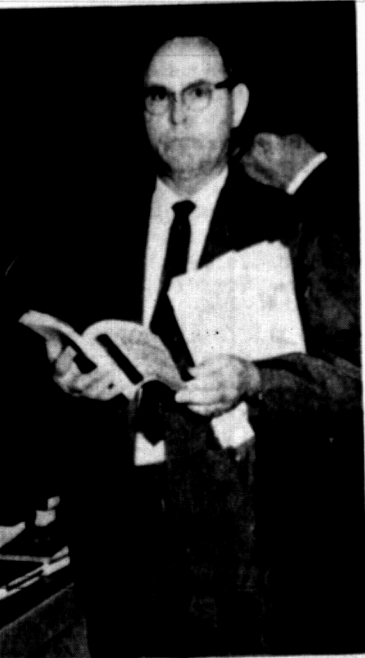
Evangelist Charles Massee of Dallas, Texas, succeeded John Tierney of Greenville, S. C., as president of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists. Jerry Riemer of Oklahoma City was elected vice - president.

Other new officers include Jim Hodges, Lakeland Fla., music chairman; Darcy Hodges, Oklahoma City, assistant music chairman; Joe Shav-

er, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis Tenn., treasurer; Don Womack, Memphis, secretary; and Jack Taylor, Castle Hills, Tex., pastor advisor.

Tierney appointed a committee to study ways of cooperating with schedule changes proposed for the special 125th anniversary format the Southern Baptist Convention will put into effect next year in Denver, Colo.

Speakers at the evangelists' conference were Angel Martinez, Ft. Smith, Ark.; Nathan Bussey, Lawton, Okla.; James Robinson, Dallas; Tierney; Ramsey Pollard, Memphis and A. G. Lee, Memphis.



REV. J. D. LUNDY, Greenville, inspects book in Book Store.



YOUTH IN ACTION: "Happening Now" a new contemporary youth musical by Bob Oldenburg and Eddie Lunn was presented at the WMU Convention meeting in the Rivergate Convention Center, New Orleans.

IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE



A Baptist Convention

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convention, there has been a widening of the gulf of understanding between the planning desks and the churches. This experience should change that. We sincerely hope so.

Liberals Defeated

The conservative stance of the convention was clearly evidenced in that the liberal elements present, did not win approval of a single one of the causes they were espousing, such as support of conscientious objectors, offering better sex education materials, taking away SBC membership from churches with racial discrimination policies, or a less rigid stance against the black manifesto demands. All of these were soundly defeated. Ecumenism was hardly mentioned at the meeting. Southern Baptists want fellowship with all Christians, but want nothing to do with ecumenical union.

An example of the mood of the convention was seen in the resolution dealing with race relations. This resolution did reaffirm the crisis statement of last year, and called for Christian effort in solving racial problems, but it had deleted from it a statement of support of all government policies in dealing with hunger, racial problems, etc., and the messengers refused to remove the statement concerning the Black Manifesto of James Forman and his associates. That statement rejected "in total" and then proclaimed "disapproval" of the "demands, principles and methods," the "outrageous claims," and the "intimidation, threats and ultimatums" of the National Black Economic Council. Liberals tried to weaken this statement by deleting some of the strong words, but utterly failed.

Even though rumors persisted that James Forman was to appear at the meeting, he did not do so, and even if he had come, there is not the slightest possibility that he would have been allowed to speak. Dr. Criswell announced at a press conference that Forman would not be allowed to speak except by approval of the messengers, and it was very evident that this convention was in no mood to hear him.

Belief In The Bible

While rejecting a motion that all writers of Sunday School Board materials be required to sign an affirmation of belief in the infallibility of the Scriptures, to be presented with each manuscript, and also requiring seminary professors to sign new affirmations of faith each year, the convention did adopt a substitute motion which actually is stronger in its requirements, and more far-reaching in its effect, since it touches not just the Sunday School Board and the seminar-ies, but all convention institutions and agencies, and deals not merely with the scriptures, but with the whole statement of Baptist beliefs, adopted in 1963.

The substitute motion instructed the convention to "call to the attention of the agencies the doctrinal statement framed after careful discussion in 1963 and VIGOROUSLY URGE—elected trustees to be diligent in seeing that programs assigned to them are carried out CONSISTENT with that statement, and NOT CONTRARY to it." (Type emphasis ours.)

The statement concerning the Scripture in the 1963 Statement of Faith, reads as follows:

"The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error for its matter. It reveals the principles by which God judges us; and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and religious opinions should be tried. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ."

As one reads this he sees that it is a strong affirmation that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, and it is just one of the seventeen doctrines covered in the statement.

A Mandate

In our opinion, this statement is more of a MANDATE (type emphasis ours) than the Crisis Statement adopted last year, and reaffirmed this year. The vote was 3,570 persons in favor, and 3,416, and those latter votes were for retaining the original motion which required the signed statement. In either vote there is a call to the trustees of agencies to

carry out their programs consistent with the Baptist statement that the Bible "has God for its author," and "truth, without any mixture of error for its matter," as well as other Baptist doctrines.

It needs to be remembered that each of the seminaries has a statement of belief which must be signed by a professor when he accepts a position, and he is expected to continue to hold to those doctrinal beliefs which he has affirmed by signing, and also to do his teaching in line with those beliefs. Asked about this at a press conference, Dr. Criswell discussed these statements which the professors must sign, and said that it must be assumed that these men will be honest enough to resign if they cease to believe the statement they have signed.

Extremism

The convention's conservative stance, but Baptist position, also was revealed in its refusal to adopt a statement of the convention, the paper on "Extremism" offered by Dr. Foy Valentine of the Christian Life Commission. The convention simply "received" the statement as a part of the report of that Commission. The messengers had no desire to brand as "extremists" those who did not approve of all of the actions of the conventions, or one of its agencies.

Liberals had little influence in the convention action, although, as usual, they received more than their share of publicity. At a press conference representatives of the "Student" group present, said that they had about 30 attending, (only a small portion of the many students attending the convention), and the press reported that as high as "250" attended some of the sessions of the "E. Y. Mullins Fellowship." However, the same press reports said that only about 80 were present the second day and that only a small handful passed on some of the final resolutions. When asked about whether these dissidents could change the convention, Dr. Criswell replied that it would not come during his lifetime.

Action Programs

The convention made it very clear that it desired that all "action" programs of the convention and its agencies, be balanced with "faith," and that Baptists must continue to recognize that man's first and greatest need is salvation.

The attitude of the convention on this was revealed not only in the president's message, the convention sermon, and in some of the resolutions passed and actions taken, but also in the less than enthusiastic reception given to a new folk musical presented on Monday evening at the WMU convention, and at the presentation of "Shaping the Seventies" made at the Wednesday evening session of the convention itself. In the Folk Musical called "Happening Now," the problems of the present hour were dramatically presented, but the production ended with "man" as the answer to these world problems. While there were references to Christ, it was not strongly emphasized that only Christ, working through redeemed men, could solve the problems. The young people from Nashville did a superb job, but that the audience reacted coldly was evidenced by the weakness of applause, and remarks heard afterward. The authors of this musical need to rewrite it so that it more clearly presents Christ, if they expect it to even begin to approach the value and the popularity of the earlier Folk Musical, "Good News."

On Wednesday evening there were visual presentations of the new name of the Training Union, and of Shaping the Seventies. Both of these lacked the Spiritual power and impact, which might have been expected from such presentations. As one former president stated later in debate, "I expected something exciting, but they left me cold." The reaction to both of these presentations should make it very clear that Southern Baptists want their programs to be Christ centered, and Spirit led. Anything less than that simply will not be widely accepted by Southern Baptists.

They are not interested in "Action" unless that action is based upon the redemptive purposes of Christ, and related to the efforts to bring men to a saving experience in Christ, and a walk with him after salvation. As Billy Graham said in the Houston Convention and Dr. Criswell repeated in essence this year, Southern Baptists are not interested merely in building a better pig pen for the

NEWEST BOOKS

STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH by Louis Entzminger (The Manney Co., Fort Worth, 141 pp., paper \$1.00).

A splendid volume in which the author has written on some facets of New Testament truth, and has assembled some of the writings of B. H. Carroll, Arthur W. Pink, and R. K. Maiken on other phases of the subject. In a day when so much emphasis is being given to the "universal" church concept, this is an important volume showing the "local" church emphasis of the New Testament. The opening chapter is a study of every use of the word "church" in the New Testament. This is a very enlightening study. Dr. Entzminger also has chapters on the origin of the church, the nature of the church, and the differences between the Church, the Kingdom and the Family of God. He also discusses "The Church in Glory." Dr. Carroll's three chapters discuss the New Testament application of the word church, the Church in Glory, and Distinctive Baptist Principles. Dr. Pink discusses the doctrine of the church in 1 Cor. 12. This is a most valuable book which should be made available to as many Baptist readers as possible. It will help clear the atmosphere in this day of so much confusion concerning what a New Testament church is.

HOW TO ORGANIZE AND ADMINISTER A GREAT SUNDAY SCHOOL by Louis Entzminger (Manney Co., Ft. Worth, 119 pp., paper \$1.25).

The late Dr. Louis Entzminger was long an active Southern Baptist pastor and leader, and late in life served as an associate in First Baptist Church, Fort Worth. He developed some of the most effective plans used by Southern Baptists in building great Sunday schools. For example, he is credited with originating the Six Point Record System, now almost universal

prodigal son, but in first getting him out of the pig pen and to the Father's house. Better conditions certainly will follow. Ministry is important but it is not our first task.

Other than business, evangelism, missions and preaching continued to be the central attraction of the convention. At the opening session, the 13,000 seat auditorium was jammed to overflowing with hundreds standing, and thousands unable to get in. Although not quite this full again, the convention hall was filled at session after session. Foreign Mission night on Thursday night was, as always, a memorable hour, and the evangelistic service on Friday night saw almost every seat taken, and many standees. With almost 17,000 messengers registered, and with many other visitors, along with the keen interest in the matters being considered, it was an easy matter to keep the auditorium well filled, even though the book store and exhibit area, always had many people in them.

One cannot summarize this meeting without paying tribute to the presiding officers. Dr. Criswell is one of the greatest Christian leaders of this generation, and with his mighty faith, his love for people, his complete fairness, and his great ability, he directed the convention superbly. First vice-president Owen Cooper, our own Mississippian, presided often and shared in much of the load of the president. With his clear thinking, his spiritual stature, and the respect which he commands all over the convention, he, too, must be

ly used among Southern Baptists. The book presents in condensed form some of his ideas and plans for building a great Sunday school. Most of these plans including organization, visitation, records, etc., have been more fully developed and used in our Southern Baptist Sunday school program.

BAPTISM TODAY AND TOMORROW by G. R. Beasley-Murray (St. Martin's Press, 176 pp., \$4.95).

An outstanding English Baptist theologian, who is head of Spurgeon's College in London, writes concerning the current theological controversy on baptism. He rejects infant baptism as New Testament baptism, and shows why arguments defending it are not based upon sound New Testament exposition. He discusses rather thoroughly the Baptist position on baptism, and reveals some of the theological weaknesses concerning it. He seems to feel that New Testament churches gave more significance to the meaning of baptism than do modern Baptists, and he seeks to show that meaning. However, he clearly shows the danger of "open membership" now practiced by some Baptists. Many Baptists will not agree with some of Dr. Beasley-Murray's conclusions, but they will find this to be a provocative volume concerning baptism.

THE DRAMA OF THE CROSS by Eugene White (Baker, 111 pp., \$2.95).

The author presents a graphic account of events that led to Jesus' crucifixion. This is devotional reading at its best, but it is more than that. There are character studies; and there is new insight into the significance of the cross. Mr. Smith writes "with verve" and he uses a variety of techniques to bring to life the dramatic chain of events leading to Golgotha.

thanked for a most commendable job. The second vice-president, Dr. Lee Porter, presided a number of times, and served as parliamentarian for the entire session. Though he did all of his work well, in this latter position he proved to be a master, and was of untold worth in the many tense situations which developed during debate. Other officers served equally well, and the convention could hardly find anywhere, a finer group of leaders.

This was in a number of ways a great convention. It was great in the spirit, in its democracy, in its reaffirmation of its conservative, New Testament centered stand, and in the determination to give a clear, unmistakable witness for Jesus Christ. It was a convention which knew where it stood, and that it wanted to do. Its messengers largely stayed through until the work was done, and then many remained, to join New Orleans Baptist in a great evangelistic rally. The biggest weakness of the program, was that there were only a few outstanding addresses.

Even though the hotels and restaurants evidently had raised their prices to Mardi Gras rates, we were given a royal welcome by the city, and especially by Baptists, under the leadership of Dr. J. D. Grey, and the many who worked with him.

We came away from the meeting, glad that we are Baptists, a people who believe the Bible, preach Jesus Christ, and recognize the place that God gave to the New Testament church.



Quiet Talks ON RELIGION IN LIFE

CHESTER E. SWOR

Listen Men: Don't Mind the Tears!

While the women readers of this column get their lovely heads together to discuss whatever charming women discuss when they get their lovely heads together, let me have a word with the men folks concerning a widely-held misconception—that it is not manly for a man to give way to tears.

In my book, the real man is strong enough to meet life's most difficult experiences with high, unflinching, tear-less courage; but this real man is tender enough in heart to weep compassionate tears.

Jesus was manly enough to take a whip and drive the money changers out of the temple, manly enough to stand through a long and humiliating trial without losing his composure, manly enough to die for other people on an excruciating cross—all without tears; yet, he wept with Mary and Martha, he wept over stubborn Jerusalem; and he wept with compassion when he viewed the leaderless multitudes.

It is the man who is always crying for himself and crying out at the normal demands and experiences of life who is not manly—not the man who, though strong enough to meet both life and death without tears, is tender enough of heart to weep tears of compassion. Whoever says that tears are never manly has either a kink in his thinker or a stone in his heart.

A Personal Testimony

I have never wept for myself, though the drama of life has assigned to me some roles of hardship, suffering, disappointment, and loss; but I am not ashamed to say that there

have been many times in which tears have sprung quickly to my eyes, and they have felt at home there.

Tears came freely as I read of the little boy who had been physically bludgeoned by his unloving parents, but who didn't cry for his wounds: he cried because he wasn't loved by the two people from whom he so much wanted love... and as a 15-year-old girl, listening in on a discussion concerning parents' rules for coming-in hours, said with a sigh of heart-hunger, "It would be so wonderful to have parents who care when you come in."

And as an emaciated lad, whose mother was awaiting court trial for a major crime and whose father was unspeakably base, asked me hungrily if that kind of background would close doors of opportunity to him.

Tears came, too, as a bus driver told me that the plaintive woman outside our bus had lost a son in war, but that she met buses all day in the hope that the son would come home again... And as a college student left my office—a student with ample ability and financial resources—to throw in the sponge through withdrawal from college because of an unwillingness to discipline himself to work... And as little John Kennedy waved his flag so valiantly that November day in 1963.

In fact, it just might be that our old world would smile again if enough men of us would care enough to weep at the heart-hunger of our brethren; and, having been touched to tears, would proceed to minister to that hunger!

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THE BAPTIST FORUM

Mississippian Writes From Vietnam

Christian friends:

I am writing this from the Mekong Delta of Vietnam, to transmit a message which I think is vital in our world today. Throughout our country, every time the church doors open, people pray for the boys in Vietnam, and they pray sincerely. Before I arrived, I prayed for them, too, but now that I am here, I feel that just prayer is not enough.

You know that if a family is starving in your community and you pray that God will feed them, yet you make no effort to share what you have, then your prayers are in vain. It is the same spiritually. The fact that you are praying for that neighbor boy or friend or nephew or cousin means nothing if he is not aware of your prayers.

If you are really sincere in your prayers, you won't pray just that this war will cease, but you will pray that his heart, if it is not right with God, may be made right. And you will let him know that you are praying for him.

EDUCATION WHAT'S HAPPENING

"The strongest single step the American college or university could take to build a solid base of support with most of the students would be to become a significant force for peace."

"At the moment, students tend to see the university more as a supine adjunct of government than as a fully independent and creative enterprise; they feel the university is becoming irrelevant and impotent in the face of what they consider to be the biggest issue in their lives."

"Many of them have become aware that religion, after some fumbling and delay, has emerged as a far more informed and concerned voice for peace than the school. As a result, many young people are coming back to the churches and synagogues, finding there a sense of participation in great issues unavailable to them on the campus."

Norman Cousins, Saturday Review, March 1, 1968

College students who are considering a career in Federal Government can get a rundown on basic qualifications from an 87-page booklet, "Federal Career Directory, a Guide for College Students," available for \$1.25 from the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

The Pentagon has compiled a list of 68 major weapons systems that cost nearly \$10 billion. That sum is slightly more than all the money the government proposes to spend for education in the year beginning July

him. It is possible that letters from concerned Christians could be the witness needed to show many servicemen to Christ.

Now I challenge you: Are you really concerned, or will you read over this and say, "I ought to write one or two," or will you start a campaign to spread the gospel. If you will become willing, God has equipped you with the tools and abilities to carry out this task. I suggest writing letters. God can and will offer other suggestions if you are willing.

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Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

June 23 — Mary F. Kee, Clarke faculty; Mrs. Charles Melton, campus nurse, Clarke College.

June 24 — Betty Jane Frew, Baptist student director, Hinds Junior College; Jimmy Davis, Jackson County Junior College and Jefferson Davis Junior College, Baptist student director.

June 25 — Jeanne Watson, Gilfoy School staff; Joyce Wilkinson, faculty, Gilfoy School of Nursing.

June 26 — Paul Massey, MC faculty; Stanley Rushing, MC faculty.

June 27 — Zadeen Walton, Mrs. Mary Lib Clayburn, Waudine Storey, Betty Smith, Mrs. Helen Smith, Leonard Thompson, Baptist Building employees.

June 28 — Harry K. Phillips, Benton-Tippah county supt. of missions; R. G. Bigelow, Wm. Carey faculty.

June 29 — Mrs. Joanne Hawks, Blue Mountain faculty; Thelma Robinson, Children's Village staff.

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SBC OFFICERS: Officers of the Southern Baptist Convention are: left to right, standing, W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary, Porter Routh, executive secretary - treasurer, Clifton J. Allen, reporting sec-

retary, seated, Lee Porter, second vice - president W. A. Criswell, president, Owen Cooper, first vice-president.

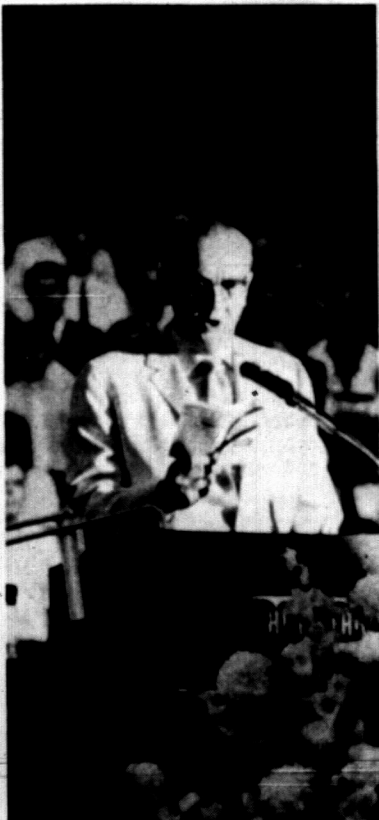


RECOGNITION OF SERVICE: Lee Porter, Bellaire, Tex., second vice-president, left, and Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, Miss., first vice-president, center, receive certificates in recognition of their service as elected officers of the Southern Baptist Convention. Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the convention presents the certificates during the SBC.



PASTORS' CONFERENCE OFFICERS: Newly elected officers of the Pastors' Conference are: left to right, Landrum P. Leavell II, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., vice-president; Don Berry, pastor of Memorial Drive Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., president; W. T. Furr, pastor of the Queensborough Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., secretary - treasurer.

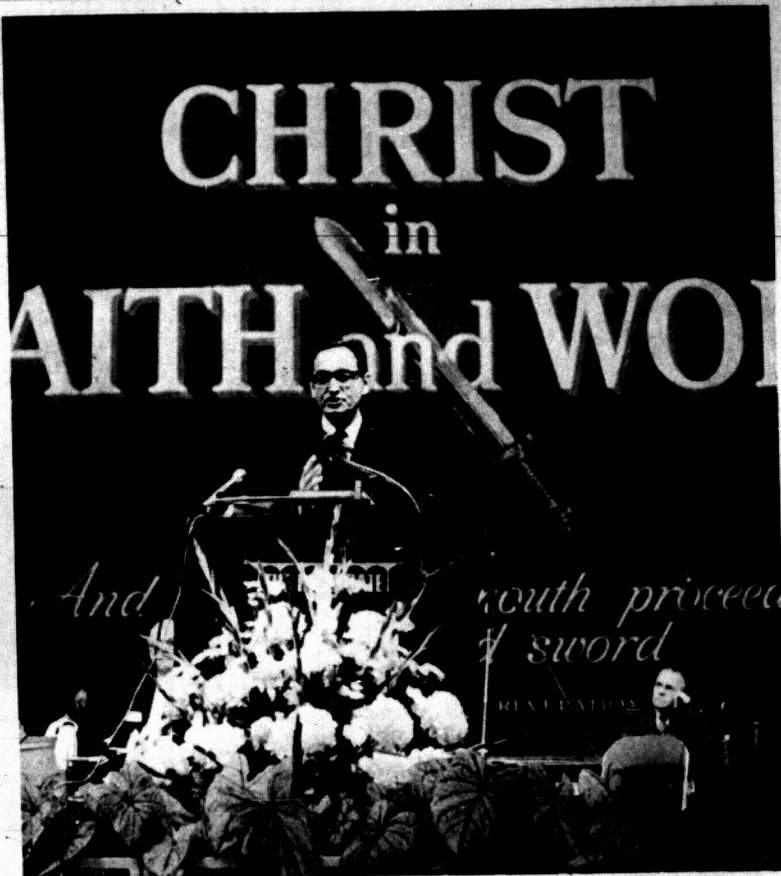
Southern Baptist Convention Through The Camera's Eye



DR. C. WADE FREEMAN, Texas, reads the scripture at Friday night's service. Responsive reading of the Bible was conducted at each session.



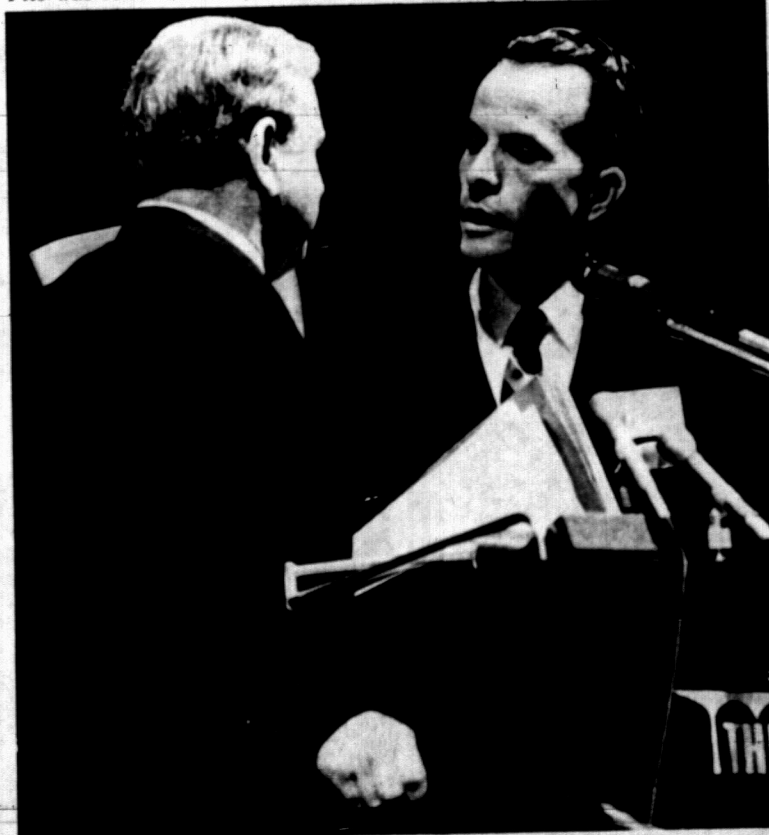
LEE ROY TILL, minister of music of First Church, Dallas, and convention music director, leads the body in the singing of a hymn.



DR. SCOTT TATUM, Shreveport, preaches the convention sermon Tuesday night.



FAMILY STRUGGLE: The David Fite family, presented to the SBC Woman's Missionary Union, listen as son John reads the scripture in Spanish. Fite was released from four years in a Cuban prison last December.

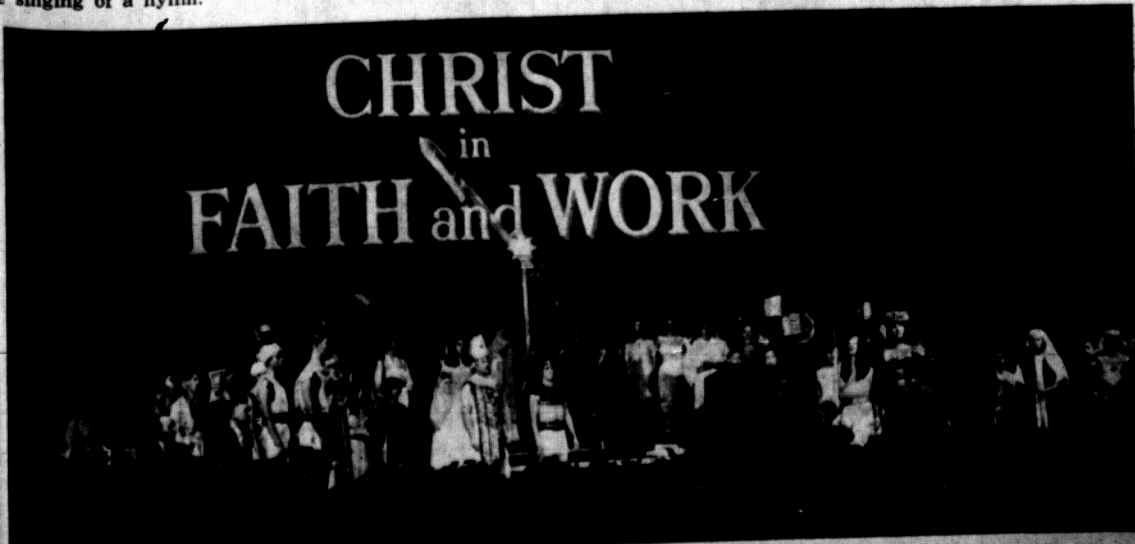


IT WAS a tense moment during the convention when a confrontation occurred between the president, Dr. Criswell (left) and a messenger. While declared out of order, the messenger insisted upon reading a resolution anyway. He sat down, however, after a moment as messengers began to shout "sit down." The messenger later apologized.



THE CONVENTION pressroom staff members were honored with a recognition service for their efficiency by the reporters present. Dr. W. C. Fields, Nashville, SBC public relations secretary and press representative, is seen standing at right with most of

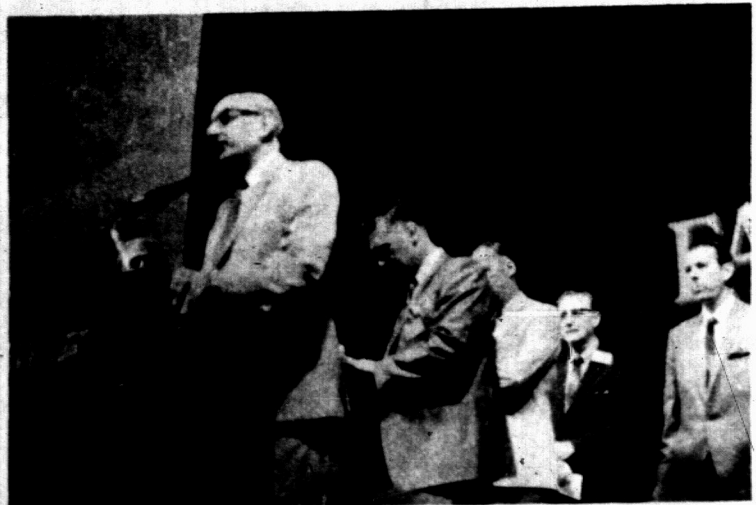
the pressroom staff shown. Jim Newton, press room manager, is seated at right end. Without this competent staff, it would be impossible for the news of the convention to be communicated to the religious and secular press of the nation.



AN IMPRESSIVE pageant was presented at the beginning of the Foreign Mission Board program Thursday night.



DR. D. Lewis White, of Nashville, formerly of Hattiesburg and Natchez, looks over exhibit of Historical Commission.



Several messengers are seen lining up to speak during one of the miscellaneous business periods.



DR. JOE TRIPLETT, Jackson, (left) Rev. Rowe Holcomb, Hazlehurst, and son, Rusty, are seen in exhibit of SBC Education Commission.



DR. BAKER JAMES Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, speaks Thursday night during the board's presentation.



Drew Singers Have A "Purpose"

THE DREW SINGERS, formed in January, 1969, to present the Christian folk musical, "Purpose," is composed of 30 young people and is sponsored by the Drew Church. The Singers have presented the program nine times and will appear on the youth night program in Sunflower County June 28. They have sung in the Parchman Chapel; Drew High School; Drew Church; First, Shelby; Ruleville Church; Second, Indianola; First, Batesville; Moorhead Church; and West Drew Church. James Young is the Minister of Music and Youth; Rev. Millard Bennett is pastor of Drew Church.



OFFICERS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: New officers of the Religious Education Association are: Left to right, William H. Souther, professor of Religious education, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, president-elect; Elmer Bailey, minister of education, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., vice-president; Gracie Knowl-

ton, professor of educational arts and secretarial training, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., secretary-treasurer; Bryan Cummings, Sunday School secretary for the Mississippi Baptist Convention, vice-president; Russell Noel, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Ariz., president.

Missions Leaders Told of 'Double Action' of Christ

NEW ORLEANS, June 10 — Change will mold the future if it is modeled after the "double-action" of Christ, otherwise it will be only needless activity, James Sullivan, executive secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, said here Tuesday of last week.

Speaking at the closing session of the Southern Baptist Conference for Associational Superintendents of Missions, Sullivan said the double-action of Christ is orderly and in accordance with his plan.

First, Jesus said, "Come unto me," and then he followed with "go into all the world," Sullivan said. Such a command reflects not only change but also growth, Sullivan added.

The day-long conference featured two panel discussions, including one on the topic, "Understanding the Community," and speeches by Sullivan, Kenneth Chafin, associate professor of evangelism at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and Robert L. Lee of Alexandria, executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention.

In addition, the Conference elected officers for 1969-70. They included Paul Jackson of Cedartown, Ga., president, and George Gaskin of Denver, Colo., vice-president. Re-elected were James E. Joslin of Springfield, Mo., secretary and D. C. Presley of Capshaw, Ala., treasurer.

Bill Glass To Lead Delta Crusade At Greenville

The Greater Delta Crusade for Christ with Bill Glass will be held in Greenville at the Charles Kerg Field beginning Sunday, June 22 - June 29, at 7:30 p. m. nightly.

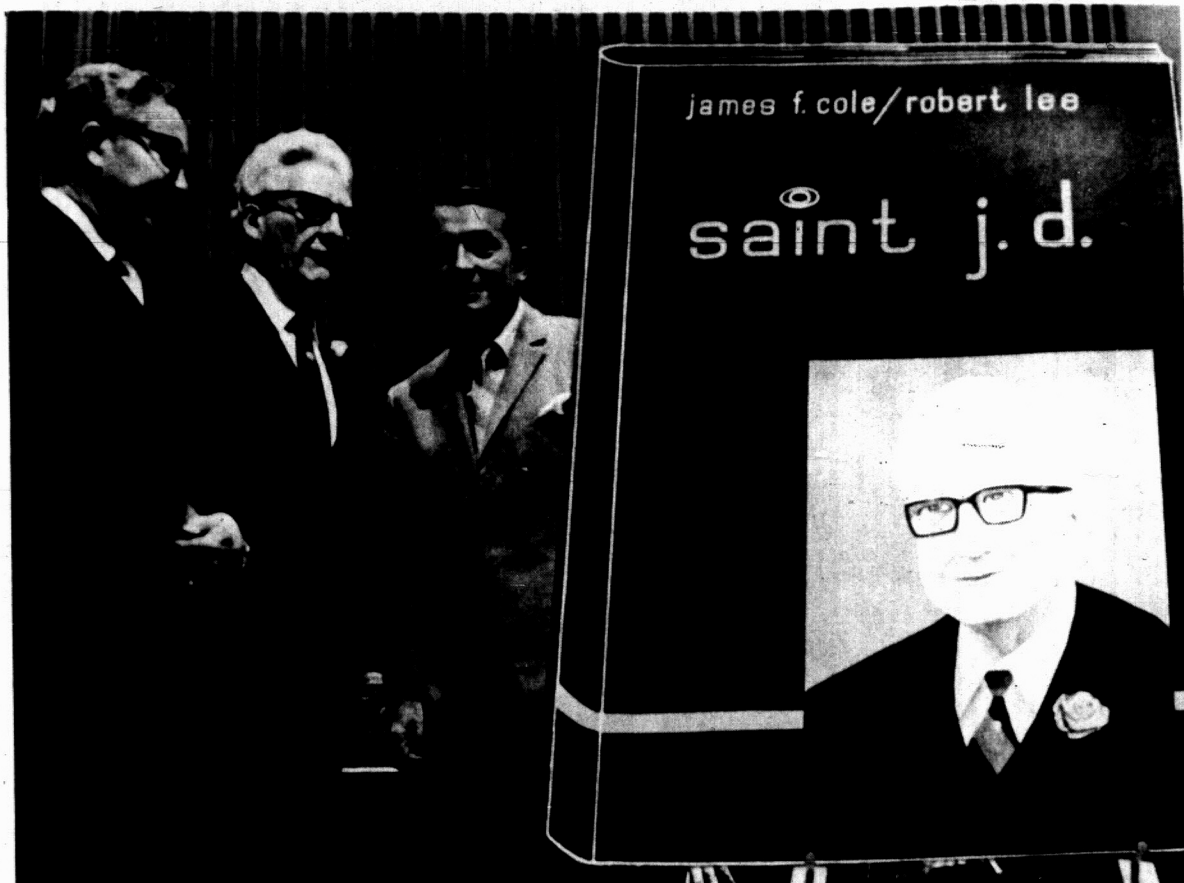
An inter-denominational, interracial crusade, this is expected to be the largest evangelistic effort to ever come to the Delta.

Bill Glass, All-Pro defensive end for the Cleveland Browns football team and former All-American at Baylor, will be the evangelist.

Glass is known all over America as one of the finest Baptist evangelists on the scene.

Leading the large choir will be Doug Oldham of Anderson, Indiana, a member of the Church of God and formerly with Fred Waring and the Pennsylvanians. Special guests will include Vonda Kay Van Dyke on the opening night service.

Executive Secretary of the Crusade, Joe McKeever of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Greenville, urges all churches in the area to move their Sunday night services to the stadium, and to be a part of this co-operative effort in evangelism.



SAINT J. D.: Authors Robert L. Lee and James F. Cole flank J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans and former president of the SBC, and the subject of a new book about his life in New Orleans, at a Sunday night autograph party

which honored Grey. Lee (left) is executive secretary-treasurer of the Louisiana Baptist Convention. Cole is editor of the Baptist Messenger, state paper of Louisiana Baptists.

Only Sister Of A. L. Nelson Dies In Illinois

Mrs. John N. Covert of Lombard, Illinois, 46, only sister of A. L. Nelson, treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, died unexpectedly in her sleep, on Monday night.

She is survived by her husband, five children, her mother, Mrs. S. W. Nelson of Jackson, and her brother, Mr. Nelson.

Burial will be in Stambaugh, Mich. on Friday.

Revival Dates

Pleasant Ridge Church (Holmes County): June 22-27; Rev. Harry Booth, pastor, First Church, Raleigh, evangelist; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Eric Hammarstrom, pastor.

Military Church, Sumrall: June 22-27; Rev. Charles Williams, pastor Central Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, evangelist; C. A. Sumrall, song leader; worship services 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Herman McAlpin, pastor.

The pride of dying rich raises the loudest laugh in hell.—John Foster



REV. JOHN Bisagno of Dell City, Okla., is seen preaching the sermon for the closing evangelistic service Friday night.

Bus Leaves Mantee For Glorieta, N.M.

A Trailways bus, chartered by the Baptist church of Mantee, left Wednesday June 11, to attend Youth Week at Glorieta, N. Mex., going by way of Texarkana, Wichita Falls, and Amarillo, Texas; arriving at Glorieta June 12; June 13-17 at Glorieta Assembly.

The group left June 18 for Albuquerque, N. Mex. for sightseeing at Old Town Plaza; stopping at El Paso for a shopping tour of Juarez, Mexico; crossing the International Bridge; leaving for Carlsbad Caverns, N. Mex.; sightseeing the Caverns and The National Park.

On the return trip they will stop in Hobbs, Breckenridge, and Arlington, Tex., spend the night in Dallas and sightsee at Six Flags Over Texas.

Those making trip are: Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Harrington, Mrs. Zeri Millsap, Mrs. Arnold Duncan, Mrs. J. D. Johnson, Bill Johnson, Ronnie Morgan, Rodney Malone, Ray Malone, Georgiann Graham, Donna Duncan, Mary Ann Duncan, Waynette Johnson, Rhonda Dobbs, Margaret Stevens, Martha Millsap, Mary Ann Millsap, Kay Scott, Anna Bess Davis, Mary Garth Crumby, Martha Frances Crumby, Brenda Butler, Jane Harrington, Elizabeth Barton, Susan Hillhouse, Kaye Forrester, Carol Vickers, Diane Sturdivant, Betty Davis, Gail Jennings and Sherry Roberson.

Rev. Larry W. Kennedy and Mrs. Kennedy left Monday A.M. June 9, to attend the Southern Baptist Convention at New Orleans, La. They will fly by jet to Glorieta to join the tour and return home with them June 21.

Pass Christian Call Pastor

Rev. Thomas Ayo has resigned as pastor of First Church, Berwick, Louisiana, and has accepted the call as pastor of First Church, Pass Christian.

A graduate of Clarke College, and Louisiana College, he has attended New Orleans Seminary where he is working on a Master of Theology Degree.

He, his wife, the former Dorothy King of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., and his daughter, Mrs. Susan LaCoste, who husband is now serving in the U. S. Marines, have moved on the church field.

1st, Quitman, 25th In Per Capita Gifts

The First Baptist Church of Quitman was number 25 in per capita giving to Missions through the Cooperative Program last year. The stewardship of this church has had a continuing yearly growth. Rev. Jackie C. Hamilton recently began his third year as pastor at First, Quitman. During this time the church's receipts have increased from \$64,000 to \$89,000. There are many contributing factors in this financial growth, not the least of which has been the varied use of the Forward Program for a number of years. In 1968 the budget was \$73,000; receipts were \$89,000 with \$80,000 given through the regular budget.

For many years the church has manifested an outstanding missionary involvement. Of this year's budget of \$32,635, \$19,035 is earmarked for World Missions. This does not include special mission offerings, but it does include \$1500 for the support of work in Montana.

One of the effective boosters of Cooperative Program giving is the missionaries who visit in the church. This year the Quitman church has had seven home and foreign missionaries as visiting speakers. Dr. Foy Rogers was the guest speaker as Cooperative Program Day was observed on April 20.

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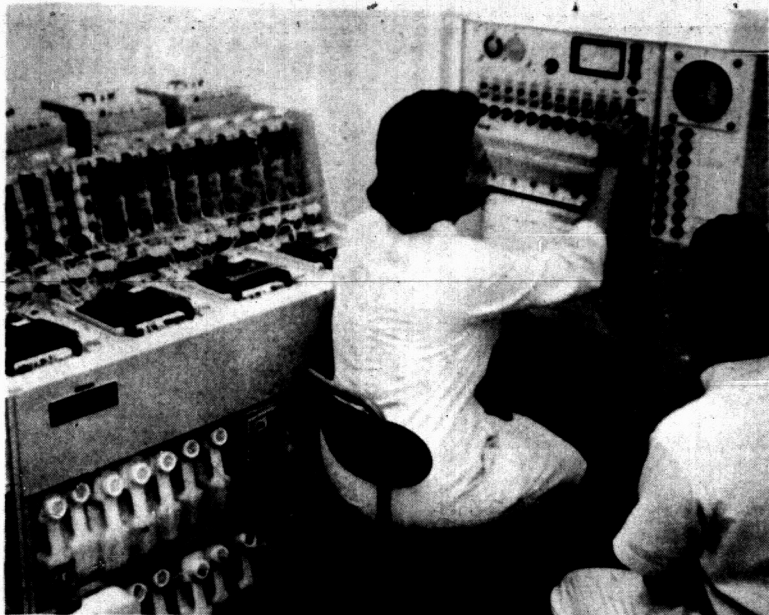


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EDDIE GOYNES
Grad. William Carey

These students will be serving in the Fifth Annual Summer Student Music Program under the auspices of the Church Music Department. They will be assisting churches this summer in schools of music, Vacation Bible Schools and revival meetings. We want to take this means of introducing them to you. Jerrell Rogers, a music student at New Orleans Baptist Seminary, is coordinator of this summer program.



THE SEQUENTIAL MULTIPLE ANALYZER at Mississippi Baptist Hospital can make twelve biochemical tests a minute on a small sample of blood. At the controls is Miss Mary Katharine Gates, chief chemistry technologist. With her is Charles Wilkinson, assistant chief chemistry technologist. Both are trained to operate the machine.—(Baptist Hospital Photo).

There's much about the condition of a patient which can be learned by analysis of just a thimbleful of his blood.

Mississippi Baptist Hospital now has a machine which can give that chemical analysis — in just one minute flat.

The highly - sophisticated machine can turn out huge quantities of information quickly and accurately — and at a saving to the patient.

The vast number of tests performed by this machine would constitute an impossible workload by the hand methods traditional in hospitals up to now, and quality control can be much more accurate, as well.

The machine is known as the SMA 12-60, which stands for Sequential Multiple Analyzer. The 12-60 refers to its ability to make twelve biochemical tests every 60 seconds.

The hospital's pathologist calls the \$61,000 machine "probably the best application of automation to medicine" he has ever seen.

The 1200-pound analyzer is almost nine feet long and over five feet

wide and four - and - a - half feet tall.

It will increase the productivity of a clinical laboratory without an increase in staff, since only one person is needed for its operation.

The pathologist and the two chemistry medical technologists at Baptist Hospital who will operate the machine were sent to Tareyton, N. Y., for instruction, at the manufacturer's plant.

The technologists are Mary Katharine Gates, chief chemistry technologist, and Charles Wilkinson, assistant chief chemistry technologist.

The pathologist predicts the SMA will be in widespread use in a few years. He sees its use by U. S. Public Health Service, insurance firms and others interested in mass screening for hidden disease.

The SMA 12-60 prints results of its rapid - fire analysis on a single sheet which is inserted in the patient's record.

The doctor, actually, may require only one test. But with this machine, it's just as easy and just as fast to

Training Union

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Leadership Revealed For Gulfshore



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Dr. LaVerne Ashby of Tennessee, Mrs. Garland Moore of Virginia, and Miss Mickey Martin of Kentucky will lead workshops for Primary, Beginner, and Nursery workers during each of two Training Union Leadership Conferences at Gulfshore this summer. The dates are July 28-30 and July 31-August 2.

Primary workers will be led in their workshop by Dr. Ashby, who is consultant in Primary Work with the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Mrs. Moore is the Director of Nursery, Beginner, and Primary work with the Virginia Training Union Department, while Miss Martin serves in this same capacity for the Kentucky Training Union Department. Mrs. Moore will lead the workshop for Beginner workers and Miss Martin for Nursery workers.

Total cost for one of these three-day conferences should not exceed \$18.00 which would include reservations in the best facilities at Gulfshore.

Elementary workers are urged to attend and to register their intention to do so by sending a reservation fee of \$2.00 to Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian, Mississippi.

The Children's Building will provide teaching activities for elementary children and a program has been planned for Juniors and Intermediates. It is anticipated, however, that these will be only the children of the adults who register for the leadership workshops provided during the conference.

REVIVAL RESULTS

First, Taylorsville: June 1-8; Stal-necker-Tyson team; 25 professions of faith; 4 additions by letter; over 100 rededications; 3 surrendered for full-time Christian work; Rev. George Horn, pastor.

do the twelve for which it is set up. So the other 11 tests come as a "bonus," so to speak.

This unrequested information has, on more than one occasion, revealed some additional disease or potential health problem in the patient, and such early detection has obvious benefits.

The hospital pathologist points out that data from all twelve tests is available with a great deal less effort than is required to produce less than one-tenth as much by conventional means.

286 Register At BMC

Blue Mountain College opened its 1968 summer session on Wednesday, June 4. While registration was still incomplete, 286 students had enrolled for the first term.

Teaching courses for the first time at BMC are: Mrs. Ardin Barnette of Clinton, teaching child psychology; Ted Hitchcock of Fernand Beach, Florida, teaching American Government and Economics; Miss Imogene Jackson of Pontotoc, teaching American Literature; Rev. Robert Sagg of Eupora, Baptist Student Union Director of BMC, teaching Old Testament; Mrs. Robert Sagg, teaching child art.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON — LIFE AND WORK CURRICULUM

God's Continuing Encounter With Men

By Clifton J. Allen

The Bible is about the living God who comes to men in the eternal Christ; and the Bible itself is the word of life made meaningful to men by the eternal Spirit. It follows therefore that the Bible is the means of God's continuing encounter with men. To the degree that we give heed to the Bible, we will learn about God and the blessings of salvation.

The several Bible passages chosen for study stress these truths: God does speak to men; he rightly expects obedience; man's response to God determines for him the issue of life or death; the law of the Lord is meant to be the guide for life; the truth of the gospel imposes on Christians a sacred stewardship.

The Lesson Explained

God's Call to Obedience (5:1-6)

The verses chosen for special study review the giving of the law at Sinai. Moses' appeal to the Israelites rested on the covenant which God had made with them. God had chosen them for a holy purpose. They responded with a promise of obedience. Moses reminded them of their covenant obligation to inspire resolute faithfulness. God revealed himself at Sinai in direct and dramatic ways to impress on them the reality of his holiness, the glory of his majesty, and the transcendent greatness of his authority. He identified himself as Jehovah, the covenant-keeping God of Israel and the one who had delivered them from bondage in Egypt. All this magnified his clear-cut call to obedience. The Ten Commandments declare the moral imperatives God has preached for humanity. The moral and ethical teaching of the Bible is but a fuller interpretation of these Commandments to make clear the purpose of God that people everywhere shall live in truth and righteousness.

God's Offer Of Life (30:15-20)

This passage comes from a third address of Moses. It was an exhortation to the Israelites to be faithful to their covenant obligation before God. The basis of Moses' appeal was that God sets before men the offer of life. This offer calls for love toward God, obedience to his commandments, commitment to his purposes, and trust in his goodness. The offer of life is not without warning as to the alternative. If men will not receive life, they must receive death. Men cannot escape the necessity for choice.

This passage from Deuteronomy may well be suggestive of a central truth running through the Scriptures. God is the giver of life. It is not God's will that any should perish. The heart of God with infinite compassion reaches out with longing to rescue men from death everywhere and to bestow on them the fullness of life in his steadfast love and saving power. This central truth of the Bible finds its fullest expression in the gift of Jesus Christ, through whom any person may receive eternal life.

God's Promise of Blessing

The continuing encounter of God with men is always with a view to blessing all persons who will acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord. Consider

the wondrous aspects of his goodness: the blessing of sonship, the blessing of discipline, the blessing of security, the blessing of peace, the blessing of strength, the blessing of fellowship in suffering, the blessing of access to God, the blessing of forgiveness, the blessing of the riches of grace, the blessing of eternal awards, and the blessing of an eternal inheritance in glory.

God's promise of blessing, however, always involves stewardship. How tragic that people ignore it or forget it! The blessings received from God are to be used for the accomplishment of the purposes of God. To whom much is given, much is required. God is always calling his children to a faithful exercise of their stewardship. The highest stewardship of all is that of living worthily the life imparted to us through the Spirit of the living Christ. The Christian must say with Paul, "I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me." This life is to be lived in attitude and act and desire for the glory of Christ.

Truths to Live By

The Bible is a means of living encounter with God. — It tells about the living, omnipresent God. The revelation of the Bible becomes a means of our communication with God, for God speaks to us through his word in the Bible. We speak to God on the basis of our understanding of who he is and who we are in the light of the Bible. In the encounter with God through the Bible, we come under the judgment of his truth, and we experience the renewing and sanctifying power of his truth. Through the Bible we have confirmed to us the witness of God's Spirit that we are the children of God. No longer in bondage to fear we cry, "Abba, Father."

The Bible is personal. The Bible deals with all the deep things of God and with all those realities which affect a person-to-person relationship with God. The truth of the Bible applies to each person individually. It fits his life. It emphasizes the immeasurable worth of each person. The Bible sounds out the personal invitation to accept the wonders of the new life in Christ and the blessing of life with Christ.

The Bible merits a place of primacy in the life of a Christian. — This does not mean a place of prominence in the home or the office to display the Bible. It means rather that the Bible is primary in importance. It is to be consulted for important decisions. It is to be followed as a guide for life. It is to be hidden in the heart for consolation and to give strength against sin. It is to be obeyed with a desire to please the Lord. It is to be trusted as the sure word of God and the basis of hope and the assurance of salvation.

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A Person-Centered Ministry

By BILL DUNCAN

Luke 10:25-37

Most people who ask a question already have the answer in mind. They just want to affirm their thoughts on the question. This is where teaching becomes the problem.



It is so hard for people to unlearn and come to an understanding of the truth. The greatest teacher the world has ever known was Jesus Christ. The people were amazed at his ability and authority by which he taught. However, he was unable to get some people to change their minds because they did not want to know the truth.

The certain lawyer in our story had the right question and the right answer: "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" This is the question that we wish that all men could and would ask. The answer that was given was the meaning of eternal life which is loving God supremely and one's neighbor as oneself. The problem is the lawyer's life was not knowledge but action. "This do, and thou shalt live," implies that life comes when faith acts. When at the moment we begin to love God supremely then we really begin to live.

Many people have missed the whole idea of eternal life by thinking that one's love is only centered in God. When we love God he gives us the ability to love our neighbor. It is as natural that we will love our neighbor as we will love ourselves. One only begins to live when he finds supreme love in God.

After the lawyer saw that he had not done what was right, he wanted to justify himself by asking "who is my neighbor?" The problem he faced with his faith was that he wanted to narrow his responsibility down. In this way he might be able to love those he wanted to love. One writer was right when he said, "The question is not who is my neighbor, but what kind of neighbor am I." The thing that is wrong with the world is what's wrong with me. Jesus knew that when the lawyer loved God with all his

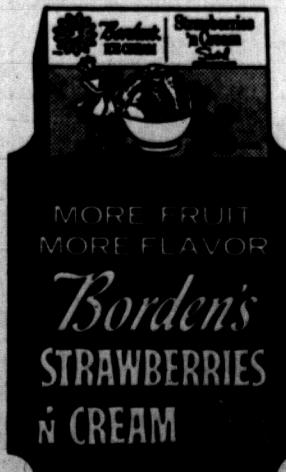
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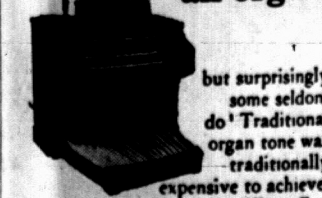
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Devotional

"Are We Lost In The Woods?"

By Farrell Blankenship, Minister of Education
First Church, Hattiesburg

"For the good that I would, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do." (Romans 7:19)

Some folks are lost in the "woods." We hear them say, from time to time, "I would go to church, but it's my only day off," "I would stay for worship service on Sunday, but there would be such a long line at the cafeteria afterward," "I would teach a Sunday school class, but I can't visit or attend teachers' meeting," "I would tithe, but I can't afford it," "Some day I would like to have a job in our church program, but not now." Sound familiar? We could all add lots of "woulds" from our own lives, too.

If we were really lost in the woods, we would be very concerned about our condition, but too often we are complacent about being lost in the "woods."

The "woulds" in life can sometimes have the same effect on our spirits as the "blahs." Paul's words in Romans 7:19 come ringing in our ears, "For the good that I would, I do not."

Matthew Henry's One Volume Commentary says, "Fain he would perfectly do the will of God, but his corrupt nature drew him another way: it was like the bias in a bowl, which, when it is thrown straight, yet draws it aside." (p. 1770).

These dimples or indentations in your golf ball have great aerodynamic implications. A perfectly smooth ball would dip and wobble in flight like a swallow chasing insects. The 336 shallow indentations not only keep the ball on course, but also add distance.

The indentations of experience on our spirits can be good, or some can be bad. There are indentations of experiences that lift our spirits and carry us closer to God. But as Paul said so many times, I don't take advantage of these, even though I mean to do it. Paul goes on to say that Jesus Christ is the answer, "for me to live is Christ."

God has given a great promise that this world will be a place wherein dwelleth righteousness. That is a promise that has not been fulfilled yet. The reason it has not been fulfilled is because it has a condition attached to it—that God's children are supposed to behave themselves as God's children. We need to get out of "woulds." Carlyle said, "Life is not thought, however noble. It is action." Religious or spiritual action produces growth and development in religious life.

Missions Conference to Feature International Fair

An International Fair will be a special feature of the World Missions Conference sponsored by the WMU and Brotherhood Commission at Ridgecrest, N. C. June 26-July 2.

The Fair will be held on Saturday (June 28) with the theme, "Holidays around the World." Each of several Southern Baptist missionaries at the conference will decorate his room as for a national holiday in his own country. The missionaries will provide decorations, curios, costumes, slides, and performances, all on holiday themes of their adopted countries.

Independence Day will be the US Holiday feature. The evening will begin at 6, with a traditional July 4

American barbecue. The Holiday tour will follow the barbecue.

Other highlights include a lemonade stand with free drinks, a photograph making souvenir one-minute photos before a backdrop of costumed missionaries, a hot dog stand, band music, and a roving drama group with Ridgecrest staffers as performers.

First RE Symposium Held in N. Brazil

An average of 250 pastors, religious education workers, and other church leaders attended sessions of the first religious education symposium held at the North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary, in Recife, Pernambuco, May 19-23.

Program director was Southern Baptist Missionary Victor N. Varner, director of the religious education department at the seminary.

for the evening. The evening will close with a July 4 celebration, including fireworks. It is just one of the family activities planned for some 2,500 Southern Baptists expected to spend the week. Mission learning activities are central to the conference, which has sessions every day for all age groups.

Books Given Graduates

Annual Graduate Recognition Day was held May 25 at First Church, Brooklyn. Rev. Kenneth Wardle recognized the graduates and made gift presentations from the church.

Seniors at Forrest County Agricultural High School received New Testaments with their names engraved in gold. Seniors were Carnes Archer, Jr., Brenda Bond, Johnny Blackwell, Bill Kinard, Monroe McCordle, and Leroy McLendon.

Eighth grade graduates of South Forrest Attendance Center receiving inspirational books were: Mary Alice Bond, Pam Burch, Mike Burt, Donna Dickson, Glenn Lott, Donna Mabry, Joyce Mitchell, and Micky Odom.

Furman Passes \$5 Million Goal

GREENVILLE, S. C. — Furman University has announced that it has considerably surpassed the goal of \$5 million, necessary in order to earn a \$2 million challenge grant from the Ford Foundation.

The announcement came at a victory banquet, held on the Furman campus on the eve of the deadline for meeting the requirements set down three years ago when the foundation challenged Furman to raise \$5 million in order to earn \$2 million in matching funds.

University officials reported that \$5.6 million has been raised in the first phase of Furman's Program for Greatness, a five-year program launched in 1966 to raise \$10 million by 1971.

In addition, it was announced that Furman now has in hand or pledged more than \$10 million, indicating that the 1971 goal will be well surpassed.



BWA Program Committee

DR. CLAUDE H. RHEA, JR., consultant in church music and mass communications for the Foreign Mission Board, speaks to the program committee of the Baptist World Alliance in Tokyo, Japan. Taking notes is Rev. Yoshikazu Nakajima, executive secretary of the Japan Baptist Convention. (Photo by Bob Harper)

Nurses Capped

Capping exercises were held at First Church, Jackson on Sunday, June 8, for the 30 sophomore students of Baptist Hospital's Gilfoy School of Nursing.

The program included invocation by Rev. Joseph N. Triplett, associate pastor of First Church, followed by a welcome from the student body, and Mrs. Mary Holyfield, director of the school, capped the students. The hospital chaplain, The Rev. Gordon Shamburger, delivered the benediction. Special music was presented by Charles Muller, minister of music at Woodland Hills Church and director of the Gilfoy choir, and by Mrs. Joe Jack Hurst, organist.



BMC Ministerial Asso. Elects Officers

MINISTERS OF NORTH Mississippi and young men serving in church-related vocations who make up the Ministerial Association of Blue Mountain College have elected officers of the Association for the 1969-70 session. Front row, left to right, Paul Armstrong, minister of music, Auburn Church, Lee County, pianist; Dr. James L. Travis, Professor of Bible of the College, Adviser; and Rex Yancy, pastor of Brewer Baptist Church, Lee County, Sports Representative. Second row: Ronny Mitchell, pastor Kendrick Church, Alcorn Association, president; Ray Bryant, pastor Hebron Church, Hardeman County, Tenn., Vice-President; and Ralford Bullock, minister of music, Hickory Flat Church, Benton County, Song Leader; and top, center, Bill Baker, pastor of Providence Church, Tiptah County, BSU Representative.

Joins Parkway Staff

Rev. Winford Hendrix and family have arrived in Jackson, where he began his service with Parkway Church, as assistant pastor, on June 15.

A graduate of Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, he is a native of Pensacola, Florida. Mrs. Hendrix is from Atlanta, Georgia. They have one son.

During college and seminary days Mr. Hendrix served as student pastor of churches in Alabama and Indiana.

During Pastor Bill Causey's absence while on tour to the Holy Land, the assistant pastor will supply the pulpit. His primary responsibilities will be in the area of visitation, assisting in the organizational life of the church, and supplying in the absence of the pastor.

Moves to Monticello

Rev. Kenneth Roberts, formerly pastor of First Church, Carthage, began his pastorate of Monticello Church on Sunday, June 1.

A native of Jeff Davis County, he received his B. A. from Mississippi College and B. D. degree from New Orleans Seminary. He is a veteran of the Korean War, with the Purple Heart. His pastorates include First, Carthage, for four and one-half years; also Mt. Zion in Lincoln County, Magee's Creek in Waltham County, Dublin in Jeff Davis County and Fellowship in Green County.

He and his family have moved to the parsonage in Monticello; they were honored with a reception on Sunday, June 1.

Names In The News

David Murray has begun work as youth director of First Church, Crystal Springs. A native of Franklinton, Louisiana, he is a student at Mississippi College. He has served as youth director and assistant pastor of First Church, Franklinton, also one summer as youth director at Kilbuck. He will be fulltime fourth director this summer at Crystal Springs.

On June 7, he was married to Barbara Magee, from Franklinton, La. graduate of Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, La., with a graduate degree in nursing. This couple will reside in Crystal Springs.

Charles E. Doggett has joined the staff of the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis, Tenn. as a consultant in the Royal Ambassador department, according to an announcement by George W. Schroeder, executive secretary-treasurer of the Commission. Doggett, who holds a B. A. degree from Ouachita Baptist College and the M. R. E. from Southwestern Theological Seminary, will specialize in Royal Ambassador work with the Pioneer age group, which includes boys in grades 6-12.

Rev. John A. Williams of West Point, Miss. resigned as pastor of East Church, Florida, June 8. He will move to Rt. 1, Coleman, Georgia, where he will be pastor of the Mount Hebron Baptist Church. Mrs. Williams was Ruth Robertson of Aberdeen. They have one son at home, Tommy, a high scorer and top rebounder for the Graceville, Fla. High School basketball team last year as a junior.

Rev. Grady F. Coleman, member of Handsboro Church, and a second-year ministerial student at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., is at home in Gulfport, Miss. for the summer. Available for supply preaching, he may be reached at 2308-14th Avenue, Gulfport (phone 363-7010). He plans to continue studying in the fall at

Bobby Allen has joined the staff of First Church, Calhoun City as summer youth director. He is a student at Mississippi College and a native of Memphis, Tennessee.

David Miller, Clarke College student and director of the Junior Choir at Clarke-Venable Church, Decatur, on a recent Sunday night led his choir in the presentation of a concert of music and song, which he arranged. In appreciation for his dedication to this choir and because of his surrender to the call to enter the music ministry, the church presented to him a special certificate. Johnny Comans, chairman of deacons, made the presentation. W. H. Johnson Jr., director of the Adult Choir, expressed words of appreciation. Mr. Miller is the son of Rev. and Mrs. C. I. Miller of Gulfport. His father is a former pastor at Clarke-Venable.

Rev. John Kenneth Rhodes was ordained to the ministry May 31 at Duffee Church, Little Rock. The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Purvis Rhodes, he is a sophomore at Clarke College. The ordination request was made by New Black Jack Church, Neshoba County. Rev. W. L. (Bill) Stroud of Longview preached the ordination sermon. Others on program included Rev. James Irby of Causeville; Rev. Bobby Ivey, pastor of Union Church, Clark County; Dr. John F. Carter of Newton; C. E. Beeman, chairman of deacons at Duffee; and Rev. Ed F. Grayson, pastor.

Miss Rennie Sanderson, former missionary to Japan, married Rev. Kelgo Ohtani on May 13 in Tokyo, Japan. (They may be addressed at 10-12, 5-chome, 01, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo, Japan.) Born in Seminary, Miss. she lived in several towns in Mississippi and Louisiana while growing up. Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1960, she resigned in April, 1968.

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas E. Thurman, missionaries who have completed turlough in the States, are scheduled to return to East Pakistan on June 24 (address: Box 99, Ramna, Dacca 2,

East Pakistan). Mr. Thurman is active of Monticello, Miss.; the former Gloria Philpot, Mrs. Thurman was born and reared in McWilliams, La. When they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1964, he was associational missionary for Bethlehem Baptist Association, Frisco, Tex., Ala.

Charles Shipman accepted the call as interim pastor and served him February 3, through June 22, 1968 at Calvary, Tupelo. The members of Calvary church have adopted a resolution honoring Mr. Shipman and his family, and expressing appreciation for his outstanding spiritual leadership during his tenure as interim pastor.

Dr. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, gave the commencement address, when thirty-nine students of Baptist Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Memphis, Tenn., received diplomas in graduation ceremonies at 8 p.m., June 6, at Bellevue Church.

Rev. Wayne Barrett has resigned his pastorate of Brooksville Church to accept a call as pastor of Mairville Church, Adairsville, Georgia. Mr. Barrett served the Brooksville Church for 10 years. During the time a \$62,000 education building was erected, additional church property purchased, and the main church building remodeled. The church observed its centennial in 1967.

James Monroe McCordle was licensed to preach by First Church, Brooklyn, May 25. Rev. Kenneth Wardle made the presentation. Monroe, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCordle, Sr., has been active in all phases of church work. He is a 1968 graduate of Forrest County Agricultural High School where he served as senior class president and received the Honors Day award in music. He is working as an orderly at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg and will enter William Carey College in September.

Rev. Wyndell Hamrick has been called as pastor of Topoka Church, Lawrence County. He is a student at New Orleans Seminary, where he will graduate this December. Topoka is his first pastorate. He and his wife,

native of Cochran, Georgia, have three children.

Park Chilton of Inverness was guest speaker in Senatobia on a recent Monday night, at a meeting sponsored by the Brotherhood. Forty-five people enjoyed a fish supper followed by an outstanding program, according to Howard Carpenter, Brotherhood president and chairman of the Department of Education at Northwest Miss. Junior College.

Joy Boone has been called as summer director of youth activities, at First Church, Newton. A native of Escatawpa, she graduated from Mississippi College last month. (In addition to being a graduate assistant in the Speech and Drama Department at MC next session, she will have supervisory responsibilities over 100 upper-class girls.) Rev. Hardy Denham, Jr. is pastor at Newton.

Rev. Billy Wells, pastor of Shiloh Church, near Big Creek, Calhoun County, recently accepted the pastorate of Wallerville Church, New Albany. Shiloh Baptists have moved into a new church building, dedicated recently. Including the sanctuary, the new structure has eight Sunday school rooms and a fellowship hall. Wells is a former teacher and football coach with Bruce Schools. Mrs. Wells taught music at Bruce Schools.

S. Dadds Douglas, minister of music and youth at Hillcrest Church, Columbus, Ga. moved there on June 1, from Wiggins, Mississippi, where he held a similar position at First Church. He and his family are making their home at 4505 Curry Street in Columbus. They have two sons, Steve and David, ages 15 and 13. Dr. Douglas, a former practicing optometrist, has been full time in the field of music and youth work for several years.

His father, E. L. Douglas, recently retired from the faculty at Mississippi College as Bible professor for twenty years, and pastored churches in Mississippi, Virginia, and Arkansas previous to that. His brother, Mack R. Douglas, is pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church in Miami, Florida. Rev. Robert J. Sanderson is pastor of the Hillcrest Church, Columbus.

Charles Holley was recently licensed to the ministry, by First Church, Aberdeen. The son of Mrs. Josephine Woods, he has completed one year at Clarke College.

Wake Forest Graduate

At the annual commencement on May 30, degrees and certificates were conferred on 126 men and women at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. Among these was W. R. Evans (pictured) of Philadelphia, Miss. who received the Master of Divinity degree. Mr. Evans is serving as pastor of the Pisgah Baptist Church in Rice, Virginia.

Montana Missionary

Laverne Sullivan is a summer missionary in Montana, working with the Home Mission Board, and also under direction of the Mississippi Pioneer Missions Committee. (Owen Cooper, chairman), and with Rev. F. Leroy Smith, superintendent of missions in the Montana area.

Miss Sullivan left June 11 for South Dakota where she was to be given a specific summer assignment. The ten-week mission program is being carried out in Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, and South Dakota. Miss Sullivan is an active member of First Church, Sharon, in Jones County. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sullivan of Route 1, Moss, she is a sophomore at Jones County Junior College. She plans after college to work in the area of religious education.

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Southern Graduates

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Two Mississippi students were graduated from the Southern Seminary May 30. They were Constance Ann Russell, left, of Horn Lake, who received the master of religious education degree, and Thomas Wallace Gill of Lucedale, who received the master of divinity degree.

Clear Branch Homecoming

Clear Branch Church, Lincoln Association, will hold annual homecoming services on June 22. A special program has been planned by the homecoming committee. The noon meal will be served at the church. The pastor is Rev. Talmadge Smith.

Off The Record

'Twould be Simpler

Mr. Smith was leaving an auction sale with a grandfather clock. A youngster who was running knocked him down and the clock was damaged beyond repair.

He was furious and scolded the youth for not watching where he was going. The boy replied, "Why don't you wear a wristwatch like other people?"

Cheerfully

A small boy in a department store was standing near the escalator watching the moving handrail. "Something wrong, son?" inquired a floorwalker. "Nope," replied the boy. "Just waiting for my chewing gum to come back."

Belated Rift

The elderly lady had lived for twenty-five years in the home of the happily married couple. In all this time she kept to herself, sitting on the porch in her rocking chair, at times reading but never bothering to talk.

The couple decided to go on vacation and he suggested that her mother be left at home. "My mother!" she screamed, "I thought she was your mother."

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ducing one. "Which now of these three thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves?" The one who tried to justify himself was now disarmed. The response could only be, "Go, and do likewise."

The Modern Life Situation

Many are asking what is the future of the individual Christian life that must be carried on in a fellowship we call the church. There is no future unless it is made so with a person-centered ministry. The individual Christian must find ways of showing mercy for humans and love for God. It is not knowledge that we need. We know more than we do. It is not methods. It is action. Go and do thou likewise. What we do today and later must be person-centered. We cannot be cold, selfish and selective, but must be compassionate.